

Allowable Subject Matter

The Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences affirmed the rejection(s) against independent claim(s) 1, but reversed all rejections against claim(s) 6,10-12,14 and 15 dependent thereon. The independent claim(s) is/are cancelled by the examiner in accordance with MPEP § 1214.06. Applicant is given a **ONE MONTH TIME PERIOD from the mailing date of this letter** in which to present the dependent claim(s) in independent form. NO EXTENSIONS OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) WILL BE GRANTED. Failure to comply will result in cancellation of the dependent claims and the application will be allowed with claim(s) 36-43 (This includes claims directed to non-elected species formerly withdrawn, but which can be rejoined). Prosecution is otherwise closed.

It is also suggested that applicant rejoin the withdrawn species claims which dependent from claim 36 for consideration of allowance.

Information Disclosure Statement

The information disclosure statements filed **5/15/09 and 5/6/08** fail to comply with 37 CFR 1.97(d) because it lacks a statement as specified in 37 CFR 1.97(e). It has been placed in the application file, but the information referred to therein has not been considered.

The information disclosure statement filed **7/30/09** fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.97(d) because it lacks the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p). It has been placed in the application file, but the information referred to therein has not been considered.

Applicants are also reminded that the foreign language publications in the IDS must have English translations or at least an explanation as to their relevance for their consideration.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Krishnan S. Menon whose telephone number is 571-272-1143. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vickie Kim can be reached on 571-272-0579. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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